**REMARKS** 

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the claims and abstract as

amended in this Preliminary Amendment for examination purposes. Entry of this Preliminary

Amendment is respectfully requested.

Applicants have amended the claims to remove improper multiple dependencies. No

prohibited new matter has been introduced by these amendments as the amendments are

supported by the original claims. Applicants reserve the right to file a Continuation or Divisional

application on the subject matter cancelled by way of this amendment.

CONCLUSION

If there are any other fees due in connection with the filing of this Preliminary

Amendment, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-0573. If a fee is required for

an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 not accounted for above, such an extension is

requested and the fee should also be charged to our Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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